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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue — 1 March 2002: Definitive stamps and postal stationery**

Definitive stamps

1. On Friday, 1 March 2002, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue eight new definitive stamps to meet current and make-up postage rates. Six euro definitive stamps will be issued by the Vienna office of UNPA to meet the requirements of valid postage in Austria. A United States dollar and a Swiss franc definitive stamp will also be released. The denominations of the stamps will be $0.80, SwF 1.30, €0.07, €0.51, €0.58, €0.73, €0.87 and €2.03. The stamps are printed in sheets of 20 stamps.

2. The $0.80 definitive stamp illustrates children celebrating the hobby of philately and was designed by Jerry Smath (United States of America). The SwF 1.30 definitive stamp is a photograph of a view from the Palais des Nations on the Armillary Sphere in the Ariana Park. The photograph is credited to the United Nations and was adapted as a stamp by Robert Stein (United Nations). The six euro definitive stamps are photographs of various sites in Austria. The photographs are credited to Österreich Werbung and were adapted as stamps by Rorie Katz (United Nations).

(United States equivalents — SwF 1.30: $0.79; €0.07: $0.06; €0.51: $0.45; €0.58: $0.52; €0.73: $0.65; €0.87: $0.77; €2.03: $1.81 — subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

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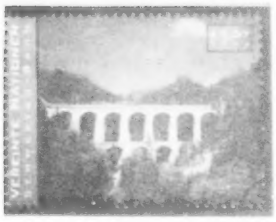

Postal stationery

3. Also on 1 March 2002, UNPA will issue a SwF 1.30 postal card and a €0.51 postal card. The SwF 1.30 postal card depicts an aerial view of the Palais des Nations. The €0.51 postal card features the Graz Opernhaus, which was erected in 1800 by the well-known architect duo Ferdinand Fellner and Hermann Helmer. The imprinted postage area of the postal card is a photograph of the Stadt Graz, the famous Clock Tower and landmark of the city of Graz. The photos are credited to Österreich Werbung.

4. The postal cards were adapted by Robert Stein.

General information

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Friday, 1 March 2002, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.